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Water Resource Board Awards Grants and Loans

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The Idaho Water Resource Board approved a \$72,500 loan and two grants totaling \$42,500 at its meeting earlier this week in Salmon.

The Board also approved a request to double a revenue bond inducement for Tamarack Resort from \$4.5 million to \$9 million. The action will allow the resort to move ahead sooner than originally planned with the second phase of a water project. Ultimately, the strategy is to hook up existing homes along West Mountain Road to a water and sewer system operated by the North Lake Recreational Sewer and Water District.

The grants approved include:

- \$7,500 to Meander Point Homeowners Association. The money will allow the Association to begin a study of its drinking water supply, which currently exceeds new federal standards for arsenic and nitrate levels. The development, near Twin Falls, includes 45 homes and 140 residents.
- \$35,000 to Water District 01 to complete reconstruction of an equalization reservoir near Blackfoot called for under an agreement with the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribe.

The approved loan was for:

- \$72,500 to the Cottonwood Point Water Association near St. Maries. The money will be used to construct a replacement well next to the Association's existing well, which currently provides an inadequate water supply. The Association includes 45 homes, 85 residents and one commercial service connection.

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The Board also denied a pair of loans and a grant request:

- \$250,000 to Cub River Acres near Preston. The Association, made up primarily of 62 vacation homes, requested the money to rebuild a community water system.
- A loan increase of \$15,000 to Live-More Lake Community near Sagle. The Association, made up of 13 homes, needs to drill its community well deeper in order to attain desired flows. The Board already loaned \$35,000 for the project but the Association says it needs \$50,000 for completion. Board members may reconsider the request at its next meeting after Member Bob Graham of Bonners Ferry visits the site and conducts an assessment.
- The Board also denied a \$7,500 grant request by the city of Kimberly to pay for a water study to assess its situation and determine what will be needed to accommodate future growth. The Board praised the city leaders for their forward-thinking approach, but felt the grant funds, at this time, should be reserved for more pressing matters.

The Idaho Water Resources Board will hold its next meeting in Boise on October 14 and 15.

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